pass, no separate letter from Member of Parliament is required. However, when Identity Card-cum-pass is not produced at the counter, the letter from the Members of Parliament is required for establishing the genuineness of demand.

(c) The rules governing the reservation of berths for Hon'ble Members of Parliament are available with the Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha Secretariats.

Passenger facilities at Buxer station

t1947. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of Government for betterment of passenger facilities at the railway station of Buxar in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that though this is the only important railway station for most of the passengers from Buxar district in Bihar and Balia district in Uttar Pradesh, yet it is lacking in the passenger facilities like waiting rooms, clean toilets etc;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the passengers have to face water logging and garbage outside the station after coming out; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme of Government to tackle these problems and make it comfortable and tension free place for the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) Railway stations are classified in to A', B', 'C\ 'D\ 'E' and *P categories based on earnings from Passenger traffic at a station. Differential scale of amenities is provided based on category of station. Buxar is an 'A" category station. All the Minimum Essential Amenities as per norms are already available at this station.

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(c) and (d) In order to improve the drainage, parking etc., a works of improvements to circulating area at a cost of Rs. 13.00 lakhs has been taken up. A separate garbage dumping ground has been provided near circulating area, as such there is no problem of garbage in the circulating area of Buxar station.

Prices of steel

t1948. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the

Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer selling price of steel in the country decreases and increases in conformity with the prices in international market;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and average annual percentage of the steel exported out of the steel produced in the country; and

(c) the reasons for not fixing prices on the basis of production cost in this industry and fixing the selling price in accordance with the international market overlooking the demand and supply of domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The domestic market prices of steel generally move in tandem with international prices. Following deregulation of prices in 1991-92, the domestic prices of steel have become market determined. During 2004-05 and April-November, 2005 about 10% of the domestic produciton of steel has been exported.

(c) In a deregulated environment, steel prices are market determined. The Government does not intervene in the market to influence prices.

Cancellation of merger of chiria mines

1949. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI CHITTABRATAMAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

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